

Abstract of the Disclosure

A custard caramel sauce formed of a pasteurized oil and water  
5 emulsion in which the oil can include butter and in which the water includes  
sugar dissolved in the water, and in which an enzyme-modified yolk (EMY) is  
present as an emulsifier. The present invention provides caramel and  
caramel sauces having an egg or custard-type flavor. Egg yolk is used as an  
emulsifier, at least partially in place of the cream conventional used to make  
10 caramels. The use of egg yolk is made possible by using enzyme-modified  
yolk in place of unprocessed egg yolk. As the mixture is heated, the proteins  
are able to thicken the sauce, but the EMY is able to keep the sauce from  
breaking into fat/oil and aqueous phases. The enzyme-modified yolk also  
enables providing a liquid custard caramel sauce that can be sold in a cooled  
15 refrigerated package and subsequently reheated without the unappealing  
coagulation of the egg yolk proteins and subsequent phase separation in the  
sauce after heating. The custard caramel sauce can be made by adding  
melted butter to enzyme-modified egg yolk, sugar, and water to form an  
emulsion. The emulsion can be homogenized and then heated to form a gel.  
20 The gel can be liquefied through high shear or cooling to form the custard  
caramel sauce.